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SUBJECT: EMBASSY TRIPOLI NOMINATIONS: MEPI STUDENT LEADERS PROGRAM

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1. (U) Embassy Tripoli's Public Affairs Section submits seven nominations for the summer 2010 MEPI Student Leaders Program. The candidates are, in rank order by Embassy preference: 1) Mr. Ahmed A A Albibas, 2) Ms. Aram A M Ellafi, 3) Mr. Ataher A Naas, 4) Ms. Mawada M B Elkilani, 5) Mr. Abdalla S Albayoudi, 6) Saleh S A Saad, and 7) Hana M ElBurki.

CANDIDATE BIODATA

2. (U) Candidate biodata follows:

- a. Albibas
 - b. Ahmed
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 - m. None
 - n. Al-Fateh University
 - o. Mechanical Engineering
 - p. Ice Cream Factory employee; Salesman (family telephone shop); Engine Maintenance, car mechanic
 - q. Qaddafi Foundation 2009 Award for Charity and community service
 - r. Shabab alQemma Charity Group
 - s. Bee Keeping
 - t. Soccer, chess, athletics
 - u. None
 - v. Telephonic interview
 - w. Plans to become a professor of engineering
 - x. Nominee has demonstrated a commitment to community service and social activism. In a country where students rarely work, the nominee has held multiple part time jobs to assist his family while maintaining strong grades throughout high school. He is from a town outside the capital that has not been developed by the Government as thoroughly as Tripoli.
- a. As the candidate plans to become a university lecturer, he would benefit tremendously from seeing the U.S. model of education in which students and faculty have a much closer relationship and in which the student is empowered to design his or her own career plans, engage in his or her own social interests and be political and socially active.
 - b. As a natural leader, he will benefit tremendously from meeting like-minded peers from both within his country and in the region. He will gain confidence in his ability to work for the changes he recognizes the country needs. During the interview, the candidate stated that one of the greatest social problems that he sees is the lack of national pride among his youth peers. He sees dissatisfaction with the government and

its effect on national morale as a real impediment to the social development of Libyan students and leaders. He stated that change of this order will originate on the college and university campuses of Libya.

c. The nominee has stated his interest in long-term investment in a U.S. education - Post Public Affairs Office would like to maintain close ties with a young leader like Mr. AlBibas to 'track' his educational development and, ideally, enroll him in further U.S. study programs.

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- m. None
- n. Al-Fateh University/Economic faculty
- o. Electronic commerce Department
- p. None
- q. completed the Ernst & Young Internship Program in the Business Advisory Services;
- r. None
- s. Drawing and Swimming
- t. Plays the guitar

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u. course completion Certificate (Swandean School of English) Wimbledon, Britain from 06/04/2002 to 09/04/2002.

v. Telephonic interview & test score

w. Plans to become a business woman

x. Ms. Ellafi provided a very strong short essay in which she identified the recently expanded drug crisis in Libya as being a matter of growing concern and a phenomenon that is disproportionately affecting the student population. She proposed a plan to have students on college campuses work to raise awareness of the problem and form peer support groups, a concept familiar to Americans but unheard of on Libyan campuses.

She has proven herself to be a leader and a great candidate for the MEPI leadership workshop.

a. The candidate has decided that upon graduating with a degree in economics from Al-Fateh University, she will enter the private sector to establish herself as a businesswoman. In a country where women are largely underrepresented in the business community, strong leaders like Ms. Ellafi are sorely needed.

b. Ms. Ellafi stands to gain considerably from her participation in the MEPI program. As a woman with strong interests and clearly defined career goals, the self-confidence that comes from independent travel across the world will benefit her tremendously.

c. Ms. Ellafi is an ideal candidate for the Fulbright Program upon completion of her undergraduate degree in Economics. Public Affairs Section Tripoli plans to "market" its exchange programs to alumni of the MEPI program to foster a lifelong appreciation of education and U.S. study.

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 o. Medical faculty
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 Company and IT Customer Support at the Diamond Computer Services
 company
 q. None
 r. None
 s. Sports
 t. Football
 u. None
 v. Telephonic interview & test score
 w. Plans to become a physician with a view to advancing
 long-term healthcare reform in the country
 x. Mr. Naas has written a strong essay in which he identifies
 how his career plans of becoming a physician will benefit his
 society. He intends to work with patients directly, but to set
 a national agenda of health care reform. He rightly identified
 during a telephone interview that Libya has an advantaged
 situation of having abundant resources and is largely improving
 its human capital but suffers from popular apathy toward public
 health programs. His plans of working to advance health care
 reform are worthy of fostering.
 a. Libya has recently begun to improve its capacity to train
 qualified doctors. Most, however, focus their sights on
 establishing private practices or joining the Ministry of Health
 payroll as doctors in public health facilities. Of the many
 medical students that Post has seen in various programs, only
 Mr. Naas has identified changing public attitudes toward health
 and reforming national health care administration as a long time
 personal goal. He will undoubtedly make great contributions to
 the local dialogue on health care and is someone that the U.S.
 Government should begin investing in early to see that he is
 empowered with a solid education and training.
 b. This applicant is in a considerable position: his father
 is the Chief Prosecutor of the Libyan Supreme Court which
 largely gives him the right to speak frankly on matters where
 others would fear to let their voice be heard in a country where
 information is closely monitored and tightly controlled.
 c. Because of his clear vision for his career prospects and
 social agenda, Post believes that Mr. Naas would be a strong
 candidate for a Fulbright program focusing on health care
 administration or public administration.
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 p. Part time work at the RIHAM photographer Benghazi
 q. Golden Medal for sports in primary school in Vienna;
 Silver Medal in self defense martial arts in 2001 in Slovakia;
 Honor certificate for a short film Childhood Hazard, certificate
 awarded for Social Affairs Benghazi 2007; First Award for a
 symbolic sketch in reply to the Danish sketch against the
 Prophet Mohammed in 2006; Recognition Certificate for
 participating in film making "Enough Ignoring Us" concerning
 disabled women in Libyan society as a participation in the first
 North African conference of disabled women in Tripoli;
 certificate of recognition in the competition of the "young

Engineer" in the faculty of IT using the programming languages C++.

r. Participation in Establishing the Culture Club at the Al-Fateh Center Benghazi 2006; Supervising the Al-Fateh Center annual children fashion show 2006

s. General reading; watching horror films; keeping pets. Ice-skating, cycling, swimming and beginners, self defense; acting, participated in the horror film "Drops of Horror"; Designing and making clothes and embroidery

t. Writing stories, fiction novels and detective stories; Writing scenario and the plot for a horror film "Drops of Horror" produced by a group of students at the Al-Fatih Center for Gifted Students; Symbolic Drawing and sketching.

u. Primary: Arabic school-Vienna Austria; Preparatory school: Arabic school-Bratislava Slovakia; Secondary school: El-Fateh Center for Gifted students- Benghazi-Libya

v. Telephonic interview & test score

w. None

x. Ms. Elkilani is an exceptional candidate for the MEPI Leaders Program. She is from Benghazi, far from the more developed and opportunity-abundant capital city of the country. Although she spent much of her childhood in Europe, where her father was posted as a Libyan diplomat, she is now back "home" in Libya for the first time. She moved back to Libya with confidence and independence--she has leveraged these traits and qualities on the campus of Garyounis University. She participates in campus and private social activities including community service and social activism programs across the city.

a. The candidate has very definite career goals: she plans to enter the (largely) men-only industry of Information Technology in Libya. This program will help her to identify likeminded Arab women who will join her in breaking glass ceilings and becoming leaders in their industry.

b. Ms. Elkilani would be an active participant in on-campus discussions during the MEPI program. She stands to benefit tremendously from exposure to the United States and the messages of women empowerment and entrepreneurialism that the Middle East Partnership present.

c. Embassy Tripoli prioritizes recruitment of women from across the Libyan Jamahiriya in its programming, particularly those from outside the Tripoli Capital Area.

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o. Medicine

p. None

q. None

r. Alahly Benghazi Club, Benghazi sport centre, and Al Sahab Gym

s. Soccer and Tennis;

t. weight lifting;

u. UK.

v. Telephonic interview

w. Plans to become a sports and orthopedic physician

x. Mr. Albayoudi is a strong student at Arab Medical University in Benghazi. He has excellent grades, speaks strong

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English and is excited to participate in a workshop focusing on leadership.

a. As a promising young physician, Mr. Albayoudi would benefit from hearing from peers about how the role of the

physician can be much broader than treating patients.

b. The candidate is from the city of Benghazi in the East of the Libyan Jamahiriyya. Although a large city, it lags behind Tripoli in terms of opportunity and development. The impact of a program on leadership could be profound as Mr. Albayoudi could be among the cadre of doctors that establish a lasting and workable health care system in the East of the country.

c. Post makes great effort to recruit nominees from the economically disadvantaged communities of Libya.

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- m. None
- n. AlFateh University
- o. Chemical engineering
- p. Waha Co. as Process engineer shift supervisor (2003-present)
- q. None
- r. Petroleum Institute football team and literature championship
- s. Reading and watching documentaries
- t. Extracurricular activities;
- u. None.
- v. Telephonic interview & test score
- w. Plans to get PHD in the atomic chemistry engineering
- x. The applicant has very precise career plans that involve continuing his education to the doctoral level and then working in scientific research focusing on water treatment and electrical generation. The applicant has also indicated his long term interest in becoming a university professor.

a. Mr. Saad would gain tremendous insight into the U.S. academic world. He also wrote a compelling essay in which he identified public corruption and embezzlement of public funds to be the greatest political and social threat that Libya currently faces. In his essay, he recommends that students play a role in raising awareness and demands for increased accountability within the Libyan system. Participating in a leadership workshop could help him understand how students can play a responsible role and interact with governments.

b. As the nominee is interested in continuing his education toward a PhD, it would be great for him to understand the U.S. educational system so that he may one day qualify for a Fulbright Science and Technology Award.

c. A key Mission Strategic Plan agenda item for Mission Tripoli is encouraging the diversion of sciences in Libya away from weapons research and into areas of beneficial study to include water purification, pharmaceuticals manufacturing and power generation. Our candidate has these interests in mind.

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- m. None
- n. Arab Medical University
- o. Medicine
- p. None

- q. Trained for one year in a pharmacy to improve her knowledge in drugs
- r. Previously participated in exhibitions in drawing on her campus
- s. Loves learning languages, already speaks Italian and learning French
- t. Swimming, poetry and playing basketball
- u. None.
- v. Scholastic reports
- w. Plans to be a doctor

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x. Ms. Elburki originally applied for a separate program, but PAS recommends her to be considered as an alternate for the MEPI student leaders workshops as she has demonstrated strong leadership, maintained good grades, presents a clear vision for her professional development and as a female from Benghazi represents a key target audience for Mission Libya public diplomacy programming.

a. As a medical student, Post believes that Ms. ElBurki stands to gain much for her participation in the workshop. Post hopes that she will learn about additional roles that physicians can play in shaping the health care environment of their home country.

b. As a woman from a city that lacks the opportunity and development of the nation's capital, Ms. Elburki stands to gain confidence and a sense of independence through her participation in the program.

c. Mission Libya prioritizes applications from candidates outside the national capital area and particularly from women.

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